

5.0 Canton Little League CODE OF CONDUCT

The Board of Directors of Canton Little League has mandated the following Code of Conduct. All volunteers will read this Code of Conduct. Additionally, all Managers, Coaches, Parent, Players and Umpires shall read and sign the applicable conduct contract provided on the following pages.

No CLL Volunteer shall:

- Physically threaten or assault anyone.
- Use abusive, profane or taunting language in any manner at any time.
- Display un-sportsmanlike demonstration of dissent at an official's decision.
- Instruct the use of unnecessarily rough tactics against the body of an opposing player.
- Use alcoholic or tobacco products on CLL grounds.
- Appear in an intoxicated state at any time.
- Gamble on any play or game outcome.
- Speak disrespectfully to, or about, any player, manager/coach, umpire, or league representative.
- Tamper or manipulate rosters, schedules, draft positions or selections, official score books, rankings, financial records or procedures.
- Challenge an umpire's authority. (Umpires shall have the authority and discretion during a game to penalize an offender according to the infraction, up to and including removal).

The Board of Directors will review all infractions of the CLL Code of Conduct. Depending on the seriousness or frequency, the board may assess additional disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the league.

Please read and sign the applicable contract on the following pages. You must have a signed contract on file with Canton Little League for the current season in order to participate in the league.



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CONDUCT CONTRACT FOR BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL MANAGERS AND COACHES

Canton Little League continually places a special emphasis on sportsmanship. As part of this effort, we ask that all managers, coaches, players, parents and umpires sign a contract regarding their conduct during the season. Please carefully read and sign the following:

As a manager or coach in Canton Little League, I understand the position of trust and responsibility that I have accepted. I understand that my actions must be above reproach. I agree to the following:

1. I will behave as a positive role model for all Little League players.
2. I will encourage my players at every opportunity and refrain from using negative coaching tactics.
3. **I will not argue with or attempt to influence umpires. When discussing a rule interpretation with an umpire, I will do so in a mature and respectful manner within the rules established by the league.**
4. I will encourage players to develop good sportsmanship, teamwork and self-discipline whether the team wins or loses.
5. I will know and play by the rules of Canton Little League Baseball and Softball.
6. I will read and support the player's conduct contract.
7. I will instill in all players a desire to improve as baseball players and persons and I will impart as much baseball knowledge as possible to all players, regardless of their team.
8. I will provide an opportunity for all players to participate.
9. I will not physically threaten or assault anyone.
10. I will not use abusive, profane or taunting language in any manner at any time.
11. I will not advocate the use of unnecessarily rough tactics against the body of an opposing player.
12. I will communicate with the parents of my players to help them understand the philosophy of Canton Little League and to gain their cooperation in dealing with any behavioral problems that arise.
13. I will not use alcohol, tobacco or drugs at any time while at a Little League Site

I understand that unsportsmanlike behavior on my part can lead to my suspension from and possible forfeiture of, a game. I understand that by violating the rules of conduct, I may also be suspended from my managerial or coaching duties. I understand that in these circumstances, I will be required to appear before a Canton Little League board committee to explain my actions and that the committee will take whatever action it feels is justified.

I agree to communicate these rules consistently to my fellow managers and coaches in an ongoing effort to support this code of conduct.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Manager or Coach

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CONDUCT CONTRACT FOR BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PARENTS AND PLAYERS

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Please carefully read and sign the following:

Parent Contract

I agree to support the manager, coaches, umpires and officials of Canton Little League with the overriding goal of teaching good sportsmanship, teamwork, and self-discipline to the children in the league. I agree to read and support the player's contract below. I will donate my time when possible and present any criticism that I may have in a positive way to League representatives. I agree to attend games when possible and to act as a role model at those games. **I will refrain from arguing with umpires' decisions, criticizing players on the field, or using loud, profane or abusive language.** I will not speak disrespectfully to, or about, any player, manager, coach, umpire, or league representative. I understand that unsportsmanlike behavior on my part can result in my being asked to leave the area and that my child's team may forfeit the game if I refuse to do so.

I have carefully read the above and agree.

Signature: _____

Parent

Date: _____

Player Contract

I agree to cooperate with and show respect to my manager, coaches, teammates, opponents, and umpires during the season. **I will not argue with umpires' decisions** and will not use foul language. I will attend practices and games with few exceptions. Whenever possible, I will let my manager know in advance if I will not be able to attend. I will not physically threaten or assault anyone. I will not speak disrespectfully to, or about, any player, manager, coach, umpire, or league representative. Finally, I agree not to use any tobacco, alcohol or drugs, including steroids. I understand that if I do not follow these rules, I may be suspended from playing in the League.

I have carefully read the above and agree.

Signature: _____

Player

Date: _____

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CONDUCT CONTRACT FOR BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL UMPIRES

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As an umpire in Canton Little League, I understand the position of trust and responsibility that I have accepted. I understand that my actions must be above reproach. I agree to the following:

1. I will behave as a positive role model for all Little League players.
2. I will treat Parents, Players, Coaches & Managers in a respectful manner.
3. I will not speak disrespectfully to, or about, any player, manager/coach, umpire, or league representative.
4. I will know and officiate by the rules of Canton Little League Baseball and Softball.
5. I will stop all unsportsmanlike conduct in my presence to the best of my ability.
6. I will report any code of conduct violations to the league's Umpire-in-Chief or Board members.
7. I will present myself in a professional manner both in my appearance and behavior.
8. I will not use abusive, profane or taunting language in any manner at any time.
9. I will not physically threaten or assault anyone.
10. I will not use alcohol, tobacco or drugs at any time while at a Little League Site

I understand that by violating the rules of conduct, I may be suspended from my umpire duties. I understand that in these circumstances, I will be required to appear before a Canton Little League board committee to explain my actions and that the committee will take whatever action it feels is justified.

I agree to communicate these rules consistently to my fellow managers and coaches in an ongoing effort to support this code of conduct.

Signature: _____

Manager or Coach

Date: _____

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